

PREESALL=WITH=HACKINSALL *Lane*
URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

REPORT
OF THE
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
FOR THE YEAR 1906.

To the Preesall Urban District Council.

MR. CHAIRMAN AND GENTLEMEN,

I have the pleasure to present my SEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT.

There were 47 births (29 females and 18 males), and 13 deaths (7 males and 6 females) registered in your Sanitary District during the year 1906, as compared with 36 births and 18 deaths in 1905.

The total Acreage of the District is 2,962 Statute Acres.

The Population, by the Census of 1901, was 1,423. I have estimated it at 1,550 for the year—there being 324 inhabited houses, this allows an average of 4·7 persons to each house, with the addition of natural increase.

The birth-rate amounted to 30·32 per 1,000 inhabitants, as compared with 23·84 for the previous year, and the gross death-rate amounted to 8·38 per 1,000, as compared with 11·92.

The death-rate from Zymotic Diseases, at all ages, was 1·29, as compared with a nil rate the previous year.

There were no deaths from Accidents.

There was one death under 1 year.

The rate of deaths under 1 year, to 1,000 births registered, was 21.

There were no deaths from Phthisis or other Tubercular Diseases, as compared with a death-rate of 1·3 the previous year.

The death-rate from Diseases of the Respiratory Organs, including Pneumonia, Bronchitis, and Pleurisy, was 1·9, as compared with 3·3 the previous year.

The Mortality from all causes, at subjoined ages, was as follows :—

At all Ages.	Under 1 year.	1 year and under 5.	5 years and under 15.	15 years and under 25.	25 years and under 65.	65 years and upwards.
13	1	1	1	—	4	6

Of the six over 65 years, the Ages were—

66, 70, 72, 74, 76, 80.

House accommodation is adequate and fit for habitation, with few exceptions. There is quite an indication that building will be brisk now.

During the year 1906, on 30th June, the Fylde Water was turned on. This is supplied to a large number of houses, but there are still a great number which require to be supplied, these have been served with notices. The supply is greatly appreciated by those who have obtained it.

I am pleased to note that your Council has, during the past year, recognised the necessity for attending to the Sewerage of the District, and have instructed Mr. W. J. Lomax, of Bolton, to prepare a suitable Scheme. With the increased supply of water this becomes absolutely necessary.

There were 12 cases of Infectious Disease notified, as shewn by the following table :—

CASES NOTIFIED :

	Jan.	Feb.	March.	April	May.	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	TOTAL.
Diphtheria... ..	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	2
Scarlet Fever ...	2	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	3	—	8
Erysipelas	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	2
Total	3	—	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	2	4	—	12

There were eight cases of Scarlet Fever, with no deaths.

There were four cases of Diphtheria, with no deaths.

There were no deaths from Epidemic Diarrhœa.

There were two deaths from Measles in the early Summer, this disease had been Epidemic in Fleetwood in February and March, and had extended across the River Wyre.

There is no Isolation Hospital for Infectious Diseases.

There is a Small-pox Hospital at Elswick for use with the Garstang, Preston, and Fylde Unions.

DISINFECTION—There is still no Disinfecting Apparatus, and I must remind your Council that Sanction was passed for the Expenditure in 1904.

Houses are disinfected with Izal during the illness and fumigated with Sulphur Dioxide after the case is better.

There are two Slaughter-houses in the District and both are duly licensed, they have been regularly visited, and found in a clean and satisfactory state.

The Sanitary Inspector reports that of 53 premises reported 46 have been satisfactorily dealt with, 1 is in hand and 6 are as yet unattended to.—The improved method for removing the Excrement and emptying the Cesspools works regularly; a Register is kept.

FACTORIES AND WORKSHOPS.

A Register of Factories and Workshops is kept, there are 19 on the Register.

There are no underground Bakehouses.

There are no lists of Outworkers received.

(a)—FACTORIES—4—

Salt Works	...	...	1
Joinery	...	...	1
Brickworks	...	...	1
Corn Mill	...	...	1
		—	4

(b)—WORKSHOPS—15—

Bakehouses	...	...	7
Bootmakers	...	...	2
Dressmakers	...	...	1
Provender Stores	...	...	1
Saddlers	...	...	1
Joiners	...	...	2
Blacksmiths	...	...	1
		—	15
Total	...	...	<u>19</u>

Number of Visits—54.

At one Bakehouse new drains have been laid, and open space adjoining concreted.

There has been no case of overcrowding, and it has not been found necessary to take proceedings to secure compliance with the Acts controlling these Workplaces.

I append the necessary Tables for the Local Government Board.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

WILLIAM HENRY ROBINSON,
M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.

Fleetwood, February 20th, 1907,

